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Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
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Attn: Melissa Miller-Henderson

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Peter H. Flournoy. My contact information appears on my letterhead. I am an attorney who has worked in the area of living marine resources for over 25 years. Prior to that I had experience working as a deck hand on a pleasure/sport fishing vessel out of Montauke Point, Long Island for three summers, and a summer and winter season fishing out of Iceland in the North Sea as a deck hand and winch man. Since returning from the U.S. Department of State's Legal Advisor's Office in 1989, where I worked primarily in the area of fisheries and marine mammals regulation and agreements, international environmental accords, and deep seabed mining, I have focused on West Coast and California fisheries.

At various times, in addition to representing individual fishermen and vessel owners in the drift gillnet, longline, purse seine, and troll and baitboat fisheries, I have represented the Western Fishboat Owners Association, the American Fishermen's Research Foundation, The American Tunaboats Association, the California Gillnetters Association, the San Diego County Professional Fishermen's Association, the United States Tuna Foundation, and I am presently on the Core Committee working with the Port Commission of San Diego and the California Coastal Conservancy on a study to revitalize the commercial fishing profession in San Diego.

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In addition to the last mentioned project, I have been continually involved in

various state, federal, and international collaborative endeavors working with and appearing before the California Fish and Game Commission, the California Ocean Protection Council, the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Management Commission, the International Whaling Commission, and negotiating agreements and accords with various Pacific Rim and Latin American nations. This has given me a very broad perspective and a "world view" with respect to the conservation and management of living marine resources. I have also written article on federal marine protected areas which is available on request.

While much of my experience and expertise is in the area of highly migratory species and other high seas fisheries, I have also been involved in work relating to the California wetfish fishery, squid, sardine, lobster, halibut, rock crab, and sea urchin fisheries. My outreach and communication mechanisms consist primarily of my various email listings which I use to communicate with people from the organizations which I represent and participate in as listed above, as well as my web-site at www.international-law-offices.com. There are also regular meetings of the Western Fishboat Owners Association and the American Tunaboat Association as well as the San Diego Port District CORE Committee.

I have attached a resume with further information. I have also attached a sheet on meeting the criteria as requested.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Flournoy

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. I have extensive experience in representing the various fisheries in the MLPA South Coast Region as evidence by my letter and resume, and I have also worked cooperatively with various fisheries enforcement agencies and scientific research facilities, both national and international.
2. Since I have been involved in various fisheries all up and down the West Coast, while living and working in San Diego I can easily balance regional and localized knowledge and needs.
3. I have, and continue to represent many stakeholder interests with multiple goals and concerns. Since much of this work involves various conservation and management agencies and organizations, I am accustomed to clearly stating and representing the views of stakeholders.
4. I have extensive experience appearing before administrative, state and federal judicial and legislative bodies, as well as several international fora. I also have a great deal of experience working collaboratively with various environmental and stakeholder interest stakeholder groups.
5. One of the primary services I offer my clients is reporting on legislative, administrative, regulatory, and other developments in the area of conservation and management of fisheries and living marine resources on a regular basis from meetings I have attended and various governmental and industry publications and web-sites I survey.
6. I have always finished what I have started and become involved with through out my professional career.